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### **NEWS RELEASE**

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Indictment<sup>1</sup> charging Clarence Killing, a/k/a “Matthew Killing,” and Vincent Lofton, a/k/a “Mishang,” with one count of conspiracy to distribute both cocaine base (“crack”) and cocaine, one count of distribution of 50 grams or more of cocaine base (“crack”), one count of distribution of cocaine, one count of distribution of cocaine within a school zone, and aiding and abetting. The charges arise from sales of cocaine and crack cocaine that occurred in December 2008 and January 2009.

The investigation and prosecution was part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a joint initiative of the United States Attorney’s Office, each of the nine District Attorney’s Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Clarence Killing, a/k/a “Matthew Killing”	Philadelphia, PA	42
Vincent Lofton, a/k/a “Mishang”	Philadelphia, PA	45

If convicted, both defendants face mandatory life imprisonment, a \$14,000,000 fine, and a \$400 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration and the Philadelphia Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Caputo.

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<sup>1</sup> An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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